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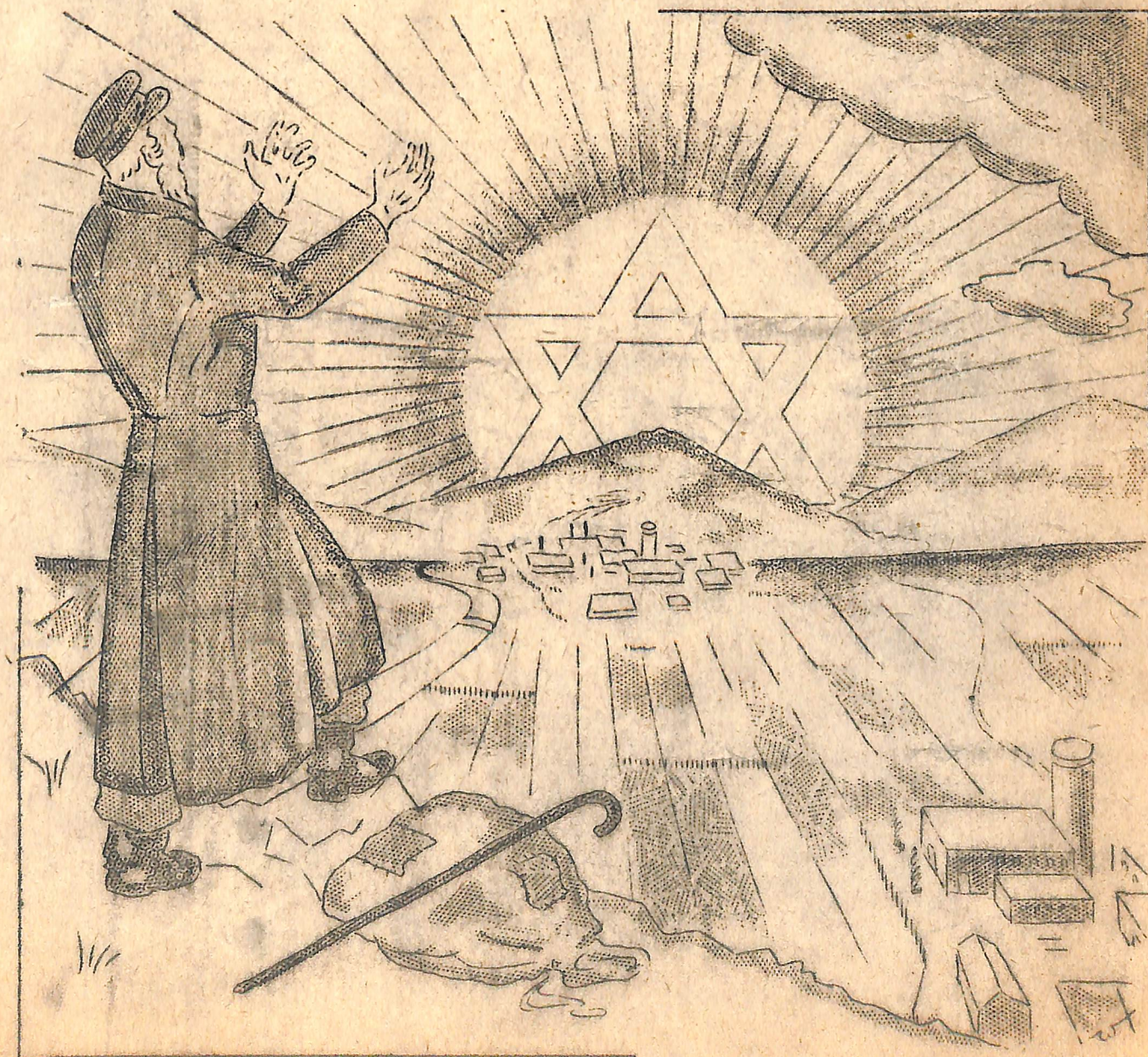
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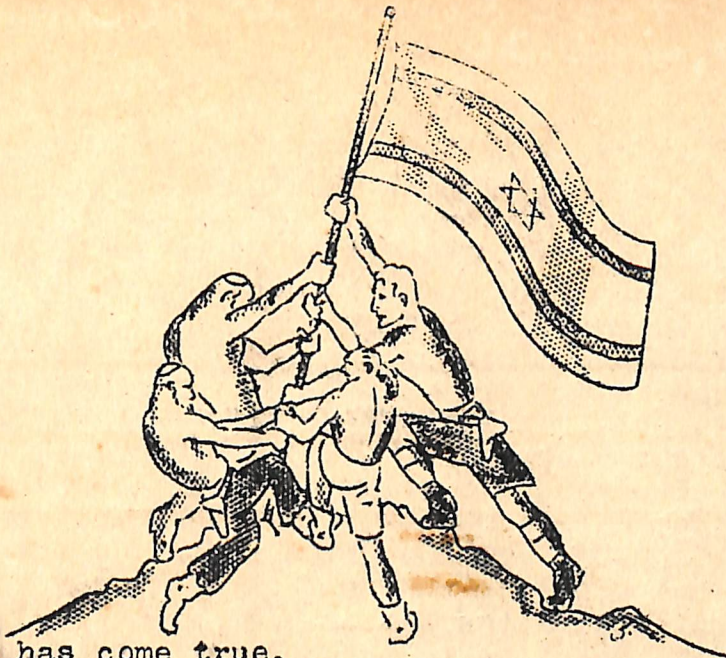
The purpose of TIKVAH shall be to enlist in its fellowship all desirable young Jewish men between the ages of 17 and 24, and to provide for them a program designed to promote the welfare in mind, body and spirit, of its individual members; as well as to promote the cause and the welfare of the Jewish people.

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Shanghai, November 1947.

HOME, AT LAST...





A dream has come true.

An era has come to an end and a new one is just about to begin. What fifty years ago was termed as an utopia, has been realised today. At last the wandering Jew will be able to call a small spot of this world his home and his country. Decades of hard work and disappointment have not been in vain.

Long and miserable has our way been, but never have we lost the belief in the righteousness of our demand to reestablish a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. It seems that after all justice has regained the upperhand. When we look back we realise how great the prize has been we have had to pay for our freedom. A valuable part of our people succumbed to the miseries that affected them during the past decade.

But, though partition has been approved and the UNO has voted to establish a separate Arab and Jewish State, we have not arrived at the end of our road, at the goal we have set ourselves.

The aim of Zionism, the program set up at Basle, has been fulfilled, a home for the Jewish people in Palestine has been secured by public law. However great a meaning this achievement has for us, and however great the joy has been at the news, we ought to bear in mind that hard work still lies ahead of our people. The obstacles we will have to overcome yet might seem unsurmountable, but if hope and faith which have been our most faithful companions in the times of distress, will remain at our sides, we can be sure of overcoming these, as well as we have mastered all others. In the years to come we will have to justify to the world our existence as a sovereign nation. Just as every newly born child is closely watched by his fellow human beings, so will the eyes of the world be focussed on the newly created Jewish State and its future progress among the nations of the world. It will constitute a target for criticism, especially for those who will be eager to discredit us in the eyes of the world. We will not disappoint all those who have supported us in those years of struggle for our independence and to those unnamed heroes who have died for the good of our cause.

First step has already been taken by the Jewish Agency in offering friendship to the newly founded Arab states. Let us hope that peace on its borders will assure our people the success they so rightly deserve..

-- Robert Langer!

Editorial

It has become evident that after Tikvah will have inactivated here next month a group of about 12 to 15 members will still remain in Shanghai for some time due to their unfortunate quotas. This fact is nothing new and has been acknowledged as an inevitable circumstance.

However, we should like to point out that as 15 members form at least 30% of our club, more thought should be given to this matter. While elaborate preparations have been made for the inactivation of the club and the calling of the convention next summer, little thought has been given to the welfare of those remaining here. We admit of course that this group is not large enough to conduct activities in a manner they have been done up till now. But it must also be borne in mind that it is still the largest number of Tikvah members in any one place, and that the old spirit of comradeship should still be fostered. Indeed, the smaller our community becomes here, the more effort should be made to knit together the small band that will have to endure perhaps another Shanghai summer.

Of the 25 members residing in the United States, rarely more than three members will be found at one place, the greater part being scattered all over the country. This fact makes it extremely difficult for any member to keep in constant touch with the others. As a matter of fact, they will scarcely have a chance of seeing each other before the convention, and the only way to keep in contact with his fellow-members, would be for each to conduct an extensive correspondence, which would entail a lot of time and money, both being factors of which, we know only too well, there is hardly an abundance. In view of these difficulties, many Tikvahites won't be in a position to write to each other, and there would consequently arise a vacuum between the inactivation and the first annual convention, during which period a great number of members will at best, be in only a very loose contact. This would result in the lessening of the bonds of friendship and comradeship, which would prove disastrous to the further existence of the club. Such an occurrence must of course be prevented, and the only way to do so, and thereby fill the vacuum, would be to nominate Shanghai temporary headquarters of Tikvah, the official address to which members abroad could write to. All the important facts in the incoming mail would be condensed in a monthly mimeographed "Tikvah Information Sheet", which thus would form a link embracing Tikvah members all over the world and would be of great value especially to those boys not in the United States and who otherwise certainly would lose contact.

It is our hope that the Club will lend its active support to this project which may in time prove invaluable for the preservation of what we fondly call the "Tikvah spirit".

The Chairman's Own

This month's article will not as usual concern our club members who have the misfortune to be compelled to live in Shanghai, but is to be thought of as an appeal to those members who have departed during the recent past, particularly to the boys who left for the States. You will all have received a copy of our resolution. Let me assure you that the eight paragraphs in it are not merely empty phrases. They are designed to form the foundation of a scheme which ultimately will be realised by your aid, and only by your aid. When the present Executive Committee commenced to work on this plan, it was with the intention to reunite, at least once a year, all those boys who by their common experiences in Tikvah have been so closely bound together here in Shanghai. To transform the resolution from its present Utopian stage into reality we need your active interest and cooperation.

It seems to be the case that the Tikvah spirit is gradually fading away as time passes on, and you are tempted to forget your friends here in Shanghai, whose only thought is to meet you again. We have posted up a map in our room now, with a flag for each boy indicating his present residence. It is surprising how many of you fail to write any more. What happened to you Cullmann brothers, Compert, Sondheimer etcetera? You do not even acknowledge the "Tikvah Star" we regularly send to you. Obviously that is not the right spirit on which to build up a scheme like our resolution. This article's purpose is to remind you of the simple fact that you all are still members of Tikvah and as such still have certain obligations towards our club.

By the time this month's newspaper will have reached you, you will I am sure, have received the letter informing you that Kurt Wolff is administering our finances as far as the States are concerned. Send your monthly contributions to him regularly, the money thus gathered will help us tremendously. When the communication informing you of time and place of the projected convention arrives reply promptly, let us here suggestions, improvements; if you think that reasons of a financial nature might prevent your coming, let us know.

We do not ask anything impossible, the only thing we presuppose is the assumption that all of you have the intention to renew the bonds of friendship and comradeship that have united us in Shanghai. I am confident that this assumption will prove correct, and that our annual convention will pave the way to a friendship that will endure throughout our lives.

Just a few good wishes for the November departees. Kurt Birnzwieg, Harry Levy, Gert Kirschner, Gerd Schoofs and Peter Liepmann. May your new homes give you health, wealth and happiness.

Walter E. Schwab

So-long, Tikvah

Its no "Bonke", its true. I have to leave and by the time you will read this paper, I will have left already (is that the fault of the Editor, or is it my early departure?). That makes no difference. If I would express in this article the feeling I have, it would not be in my usual style, but it would be sentimental stuff the writing of which I leave to our beloved Secretary. But believe me, it is not easy for me to leave and I can say that Tikvah comes in for a major part in my lausy feelings. For 2 years I have been the Sergeant-at-arms and I would like to thank the members for reading out the O.D. List at every business meeting. My thanks also to those who always did their O.D. duty; - To the Social Committee for the help in moving furniture and arranging decorations at our monthly parties;- to the members for paying their dues punctually during the time I was the treasurer (even though some are still not paid , - but as you know, I never mention names)

I would like to thank also the editors of our famous pamphlet the "Tikvah Star" of which I had the honor to be a staff member. I express my thanks to those who corrected my articles and put them into better english by adding some words which I never heard of before; last not least I like to thank our President for his fatherly understanding of all matters concerning the club and the members of the Executive Committee. Oh! Often did he remind me of my duties and no one but he could have conducted the Executive Committee Meetings as he did. Never were there any misunderstandings. He has even proved that he is also capable of arranging and running a party. My thanks go also to the Vice-President for never changing his feelings towards me, no matter what my relationship towards the girl concerned was at the time. My thanks to all those who gave me a fair fight (with fists or with girls). My thanks to all those who laughed about my jokes and wise cracks. And last but not least my thanks to our Advisors who always when the need arose were there and offered us a helping hand (or purse) and who solved our sometimes difficult diplomatic affairs.

Often too, will I think back to the time when I had the honor of being Tikvah's Foreign Secretary in the local Youth Council. I hope that I hold a prominent place in the mind of every Tikvah member and that they will agree, that I am partly responsible (due to my being in the Youth Council) for the good relationship between us and the other local organizations.

Once again so long and I wish everyone the best of luck and hope that I can see all of you at our convention. If I never miss anything, I am going to miss Tikvah.

The inventor of the "Tikvah Spirits"

Pgt. Peter Lieberman

REVIEW

HEGEL

To view a problem in all its aspects, and still not to waver in one's personal convictions, is one of the main achievements of the philosophic spirit. In his recent lecture to the club, Dr. Klepetar gave a brilliant illustration of this when he lucidly expounded the philosophy of Friedrich Hegel, stating at the same time the reasons for his opposition to these very views.

Friedrich Hegel (1770 - 1831) lived through the magnificent flowering of German culture at the turn of the eighteenth century. Among his contemporaries were philosophers like Kant, Fichte and Schelling, poets like Goethe and Schiller, literateurs like Schlegel, Tieck and Novalis. He followed an academic career, teaching first at Gena, later, after an interruption caused by the Napoleonic wars at Heidelberg, and finally, from 1818 onward, at the newly founded University of Berlin. His earliest work was a Life of Jesus written under the influence of the classicism of Winkelman and Klopstock, and treated the problem of Jesus of Nazareth in the manner of Renon's later work. Later, however, Hegel destroyed this, his first opus, completely, having by this time taken a more conservative stand on religion. In 1803 he wrote the "Phenomenology of the Mind" and in 1816 his Logic. His later works the Encyclopedia of Philosophy, the philosophy of Law and the Philosophy of History are largely transcripts of his lectures by his disciples. During the last ten years of his life he wielded tremendous influence over the thought of Europe and his works, though written in a crabble German equalled in unintelligibility only by some of the more obscure specimen of medieval Latin were widely read.

Hegels achievement was threefold. First and foremost, he propounded the now universally accepted dialectic principle of thesis, antithesis and synthesis, the discovery of which ensured his place among the great thinkers of all times. According to him, everything in this world begets its contrary and the two together amalgamate to form a new startingpoint. First derived by him, through observation of contemporary history-the sequence of French monarchy revolution and post-Napoleonic liberalism,-the dialectic principle and admits of application in metaphysics as well as in history. Thus he created the world as the antithesis of the Godhead and return of the world into spiritual union with God as synthesis.

In metaphysics Hegel made an important contribution towards ontology, the study and critique of human reason. An idealist, he affirmed absolute reason as the only reality. Starting from this, he went on to state that "what can not be, must not be", and as the necessary corollary, that all that is, is reasonable. It is from this that the pro-and anti-Hegelian controversy arises. On the one hand, to affirm the reasonableness and justice of all that exists leads to rank conservatism (the Hegelian Left), especially as we shall see later, as Hegel sees in the State the highest expression of divine reason. On the other hand, and it is here that the inherent ambiguity of Hegel's philosophy becomes apparent, the dialectic principle establishes the essential fluidity of History and seems to justify political opportunism. Thus Marx's

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Arsenic and Old Lace

THE CAST

Abby Brewster.....Peter Liepmann
Martha Brewster
(her sister).....Hedy Langfelder
Mortimer Brewster
(nephew).....Herbert Schwarcz
Teddy Brewster(brother).Walter Eichwald
Jonathan Brewster
(2nd. brother).....Peter Schattner
Dr. Einstein
(Jonathan's aide)...Werner Rosenberg
Rev. Dr. Harper.....Bobby Langer
Elaine Harper
(his daughter).....Muriel Ungemuth
Officer O'Hara.....George Fischer
" Brophy.....Ilie Wacs
" Klein.....Peter Victor
Lieut. Rooney.....Herbert Winterstern
Mr. Gibbs.....Alfred Buechler
Mr. Witherspoon.....Bobby Langer

With great difficulties, both technical and financial, the Jewish Community Centre was able to produce Joseph Kesselring's Broadway and movie hit "Arsenic & Old Lace. It was no small feat to stage a mature play of three acts in such limited space as was at the disposal of the Tikvah and Unaffiliated amateurs, & we may heartily congratulate them on this marvelous success.

The scene of the play is an old house in Brooklyn inhabited by two eccentric old ladies, who with the assistance of their slightly demented nephew who believes himself to be Teddy Roosevelt, and who at odd hours of the day and night blows his bugle for 'the charge', have succeeded in terminating the lives of twelve lonely gentlemen who sought lodging in their house, by serving them with poisoned elderberry wine. The play becomes tense but hilarious when after a sane nephew, of the old ladies finds out what had passed in the house, a third nephew, the black sheep of the family, and his drunken doctor friend, was being wanted by the police, seek refuge in the house. Complications arise when the third nephew and his friend refuse to leave the house, threatening to expose the killings of the twelve old men. Through a misunderstanding which occurs when some policemen come to the house to order Teddy Roosevelt to stop blowing his bugle in the middle of the night, the criminal nephew, who bears a striking resemblance to Boris Karloff due to a facial operation by the doctor, gives himself away and is arrested by the police. The play comes to an end when love unites the sane nephew & the daughter of a neighbouring minister.

The acting, on the whole, was excellent, and special mention goes to Werner Rosenberg, Walter Eichwald, Peter Liepmann, Muriel Ungemuth, Peter Schattner, and George Fischer. Werner Rosenberg was undoubtedly the best actor of the cast, his role

fitting him like a glove; he almost put Peter Lorre to the shades, he and Peter Schattner, who looked very realistic, made a fine team. Walter Eichwald and Peter Liepmann were, as usually, top-notch performers. Muriel Ungemuth gave a very creditable portrayal of a minister's daughter on the loose with her natural and graceful acting.

George Fischer made the best of his comparatively small rôle, and in the opinion of the reviewer he should have had a bigger rôle. Herbert Schwarcz made very little of his rôle as the hero of the play; overacting should be avoided, more attention to careful reading and understanding of one's lines should be paid. Among the others who executed their rôles well were Nedy Langfelder, Bobby Langer, Ilie Wacs, Alfred Buechler and Herbert Winterstern.

The scenery was hardly outstanding, and the make-up in most cases too exaggerated. Amateurs should have no inhibition of consulting professional experts on such technicalities, as much technical errors tend to make a play unrealistic and grotesque.

Finally a word about the director, Mr. Joe Jacob. It must be said that Mr. Jacob made an admirable job of directing the play; with much patience and fortitude, which one must necessarily have when directing amateurs, he was mainly responsible for the successful staging of the play. There were, however, one or two slip-ups in the casting of parts and it is a pity that Mr. Jacob made no effort to correct this in time. However, it is obvious that he is indispensable as a director, and we may rest assure that any further productions of the Tikvah and Unaffiliated dramatic sections will enjoy success at least equal to that of "Arsenic & Old Lace" if the direction lies in his hands.

-- Henry Sattler

AD MEMORIAM

If there ever was any doubt as to the unluckiness of the number "13" it was proven beyond question that such is the case for that is the number of coats which vanished into thin air from our Club room on Friday, 4 December, around 9 p.m. shortly after our we had begun the official part of our party for the celebration of the partition of Palestine. Besides our members, the two Budak sisters were also included..

Many suggestions were advanced by our members as to the way it might have been pulled through the window, even to the detective who was called to the scene of the crime, but they all proved to no avail. Hongkew is astir and everyone in a coat is being scanned closely in hope of catching the culprit.

Partition Problems

While hard efforts are being made right now to find a reasonable solution of the intricate Palestine problem, the extremists and the future plans and intentions remain a question mark, even in case the partition plan should be carried out. They previously have often and emphatically declared that nothing short of an undivided Palestine, possibly including Transjordan, would be acceptable to them. The Jewish Agency, as the official and elected representatives of world Jewry and the Yishuv, now has taken it upon itself to advocate partition on reasonable grounds that under the present unfavourable circumstances and conditions it is the utmost the Jewish people can hope for. While we do not want to delve deeper into the matter of who is right or who is wrong, since this is of no major concern here, it is obvious that a grave danger exists should the forces who represent these two antagonistic ideologies within the Jewish camp clash with each other.

The Jewish Agency certainly enjoys the support of a vast majority of Jews in Palestine and throughout the world; but the extremists, well-lead, well-disciplined, and well-equipped, still constitute a most important factor. Here lies the question. Will the extremists as a minority submit to the results of the General Elections most likely to be held, or will the impossible state of affairs arise that an army not responsible to the elected government, in fact hostile to that government, will exist within the Jewish State? Should the extremists prefer to take the latter stand, any government however tolerant and liberal, will be compelled to outlaw and suppress them. That move in turn can only have one result: civil war. We are all aware of the fact that a civil war in the newly created independent Jewish State could and definitely would have the most disastrous consequences. Besides paralysing trade, industry, and public life in general, & deterring foreign capitalists who might be willing to invest in Palestine, it would constitute a golden opportunity for hostile neighbours to get rid of the "Jewish invaders" once and for all, and destroy what it has taken 50 years to build up.

In the face of these facts, therefore, let us sincerely hope that, for the sake of the Yishuv as well as for the sake of Jews all over the world whose only desire is Palestine, the extremists will put their heroism, courage and ability at the disposal of the government rather than direct them against it. Our sole aim should be to unite, regardless of political beliefs and opinions, and by the concerted efforts of every one of us prove to the world that the Jews deserve their State as an equal member of the family of nations.

-- Walter Eichwald

MORE "ARSENIC"

Let's take a look behind the stage door on the opening nite of "Arsenic and Old Lace". O.K.? It's 7.15 p.m. A group of actors are standing next to the curtain that separates them from the audience. All seem to be nervous. Some listen to W. Fueredi's suggestions, others don't seem to be paying much attention. Here is the first, the second, closely followed by the third. The curtain goes up, and so goes the tension. Last minute instructions are being whispered to the cast just about to go on stage. Two cops practice saluting, next to them a pretty girl peers closely at her countenance in a small mirror, not bad, eh, Mr. Gibbs? But that guy is too busy, watching over the others so as not to miss an entrance. We notice a short grey haired

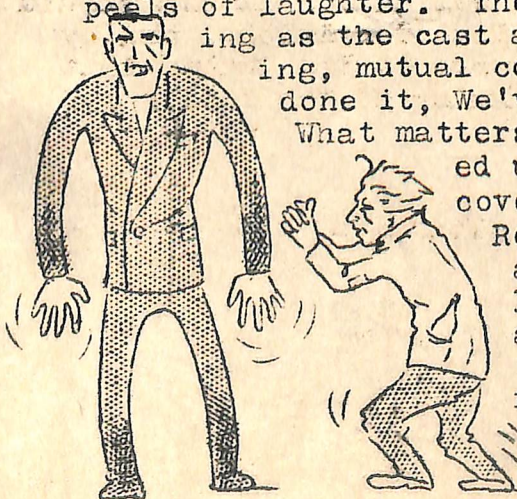
fellow and a tall chap standing in a corner, they have their backs turned to us. But how terrible the tall one looks when we see him face to face and we feel

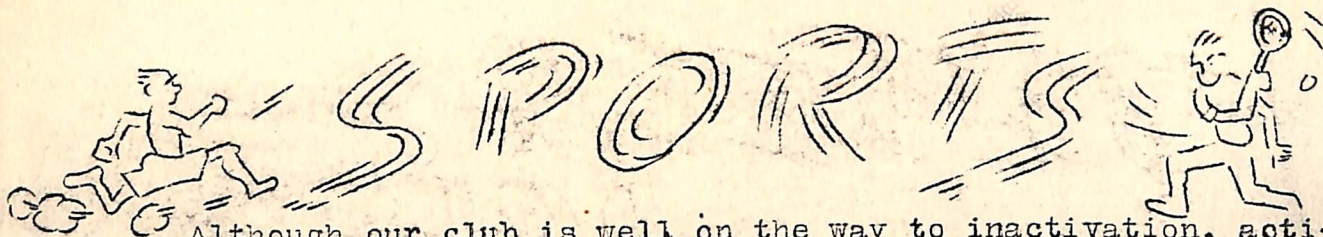
ing. Thanks we mumble to for the police man next to us, his pistol and makes us feel better. room comes a well-dressed good-looking ach, ach ach, your shoes young man. He's not a bit concerned about, and continues to race around like a young colt. In the midst the excitement, we noticed a nervous young shirt sleeves rolled up, necktie loosened, look-as if the next few minutes might decide the balance of his life. He follows the action on stage very closely, the expressions on his face change every minute, one moment he is all smiles, the next he buries his face and groans. Somebody has mixed up his lines, but thank heavens Petranka saves the day. The policemen return, glad to be through with their lines for the moment. Now and then, the actors exchange quick glances, they are all on edge and every word counts to them. The sinister looking fellow and his assistant return and start immediately to work on each other's make-up, surrounded by few officers of the law. The whole place looks like a chemist's hide-out. Cold cream, make-up, brilliantine, eyebrow pencils and boxes of face powder litter the room. Well, it's a first niter, and that makes all the difference. By the end of the first act, the audience is already warmed up, comes the second act, and every line is punctuated by peels of laughter. The dressing room is the scene of wild rejoicing as the cast and director indulge in an orgy of backslapping, mutual congratulations and excited whispers of "We've done it, We've done it!" From now on it's plain sailing.

What matters it if our leading man has completely messed up Petranka's wig, if he himself has his face covered with non kissproof lipstick, if Lt.

Rooney looks more like a Mexican attache than a Brooklyn dick, or if our prexy looked more like "Uncle Joe" than Teddy Roosevelt? The audience is going nuts, they can't stop laughing, the actors have relaxed, everybody is feeling grand and, at the curtain call the audience rises as one to give the cast a well deserved applaud for a brilliant performance.

-George Fischer.



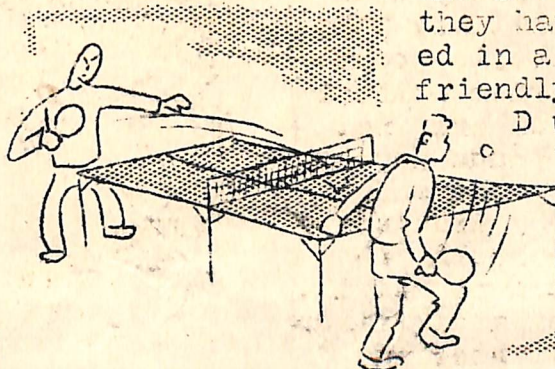


Although our club is well on the way to inactivation, activities and interest in them have hardly decreased, and we may safely say that in the latter, at any rate a noticeable increase has occurred. Also, in the field of sports, Tikvah boys have been as active as ever, and not only that, they even emerge as victors in and competition they enter.

This we have seen for instance in the last pingpong game against Betar, when Tikvah, represented by Lichtenstein, Morganstern Eichwald and Gumpert managed to defeat the opposing team in a manner which was very commendable considering that the Betar put up a fairly strong team against what remained of our once strong pingpong section.

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The J.R.C. pingpong league is just about to commence and we have entered two teams, the Charlies, our first stringers, and the Lucies our junior squad. Our first team will be somewhat depleted this year as it will miss the services of our star Heini Deutsch and Richard Weiss. However, we have gained a new asset in the person of Hannfred Lichtenstein. Taking a look at the rest of our first team, we have no need to be pessimistic about our chances in the forth-coming league. The lineup for the Charlies will be Walter Eichwald, (Captain) Adi Morganstern, Hannfred Lichtenstein, Verner Gumpert and Gary Schindler. With a bit of training they will fare quite successfully. In the opening game of the league number of players, the J.R.C. is running only one league this season, the Lucies will tangle against the OLD TIMERS in their 1st league engagement and will be up to a very experienced team.



the Betar, whom they have defeated in a recent friendly game. Due to the reduced

In the inter-club pingpong competition there has been considerable competition for the leading players. At present Morganstern is on the top rung, trailed by Wacs and Eichwald. However, there will be plenty of reshifting of names will Lichtenstein and Henry Sattler making final efforts to tank on first place.

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VOLLEYBALL The volleyball doubles competition which was to be sponsored by us had unfortunately to be called off due to a lack of participants outside the club and because of preparations of the stage production, in which several of our leading players took part.

SPORTSMANSHIP There is one factor which has played a dominant part in the life-history of Tikvah, and that factor is not sports but the spirit of sportsmanship and comradeship. These are the

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"like"

.....The end of November is here, yet the weather is perfect and the sun makes one feel that good old spring is back again and our hope is that the weather will continue like this until, at least, March.....Though our strength has diminished somewhat, yet activities still flourish.....Walter gave an excellent Hegel, Peter Liepmann gave himself, Schoofs and Buechler an interesting farewell to which we all subscribe and came, and then there were several parties to celebrate the partition of Palestine.....Thirteen coats were stolen during our own partition party but that didn't deter us from enjoying ourselves...especially Walter who made rather merry with Esther...and in this respect we heard that just two days earlier he called her a "kalter t---r".....In respect to the coats we like to thank Kurt Seidler for his generous offer to lend two coats to the unfortunate ones, and also for his desire to do his bit in any collection that may take place.....As predicted, Werner Gellert and Rachel are not holding hands anymore.....For shame Kurt Wolff, why didn't you write yourself that you have a new girl...After a big mixup George Fishcher and Inge Bermann are back again...Poor Bobby, & two show tickets.....Kurty is it true that you have a new one?....Laco is it just friendship that makes you pay weekly calls to Walter's pen-pal?.....Tikvah's mama is on this page and we're proud to have her.....Werner Rosenberg is reported to have said that in his sane moods it is Muriel but when the devil appears, it a couple of "skeletons".....We hear that Spinnagarn and Mether went a-hunting for "goulash" in the good old States and were sadly disappointed..And our final remark goes with the Tikvahites who left Shanghai for the States during November.-- Bong Voyage and Best Of Luck.....



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~ Bon Voyage ~

Standing five feet nine, porky and chubby Peter Liepmann, beloved sergeant-at-arms, entertainer, ~~actor~~ and humourer par excellence, saddened these shores when he cold-bloodedly slipped aboard "General Gordon" on November 28, a few hours after ole man Sol made his appearance and left his many many friends behind. Though gone only a few days, we sorely miss him & his wit, and already noticeable is the drop of the "Tikvah Spirit" of which he was the originator.

Peter was one of the originators of the club, charter member, on the executive committee, head of the social com., sergeant-at-arms, a Councillor for J. C.C., "Enfant Terrible" and "Don Juan" with the girls.



A party was not a party without his wit, poems and his general arranging of things. In the field of acting, he also

continue your activities and find real happiness.

proved his capabilities, helping us to make a tremendous success of "The Little People" with his portrayal of the father and crowning this in our radio hit "Warsaw Ghetto".

No other member has done more to create our immortal Tikvah spirit and to strengthen the feelings of solidarity.

It is truly with a sad heart that we saw you off and one and all of us wish that in your new home you will be able to

Another gap in our already very scanty midst was caused by the departure of our 6 feet something, blond, "aryan-looking", female admired, poet laureate, soothing influence to harried nerves, a pillar of calmness to wit - Gert Schoofs. Though Gert has only been with us a short period, he has proven invaluable to the club, especially since we discovered his poetic abilities, of which, the gem of the lot appears elsewhere in this issue. In sports as in other things he has given us much support while in any arguments between our members it was he who usually, in a very tactful manner, got the two together again. Yes Gert we sure are going to miss you a lot and hope that in your new home you will find all the happiness which we all sincerely wish for you.



Der Tikvah Stern

Der Abend naht, die Sonne sinkt
An Himmel steht ein Stern
Erhaben steht er, blitzt and blinkt

Zu sehen von nah und fern

Er war uns Symbol in Shanghai
Und schien durch unser Leben
Und gehen die Zeiten auch vorbei
Den Stern wirds ewig geben

Wir haben uns um Dich geschaart
Bestrahlt von Deiner Guete
Die Arbeit uns zur Freude ward
Und unserem Klub zur Bluete

Der Abend naht, verlassen tut uns einer nach
dem andern

Vergesst nicht unseren TIKVAH-CLUB
Wo immer wir auch wandern
Denn Freunde waren wir in der Not
Und Freunde wollen wir bleiben
Du TIKVAH-STERN erleuchte uns
Den Weg zu besseren Zeiten.

-- Gerd Schoofs

News from Overseas

This month's crop of letters, were not as abundant as that in October, was just as gratifying, as it brought us news from some Tikvah members from whom we had not heard for quite some time.

FREDDY ALEXANDER, Tikvah representative on the South American continent, has written us acknowledging receipt of the Club's resolution, to meet again in the United States, and states that he might be able within a few years to attend our conventions as the Bolivian climate does not agree with his father and they intend later to proceed to the U $\frac{1}{2}$ S. A.

ALFONS FRAENKEL, for whom too no news had been received for some time, reports for the benefit of the Star on the activities of a fraternity of which he has become a member. Fortunately for him, it seems his frat has abolished the customary maltreatment of the "Pledges", which usually involves all sorts of physical and mental humiliations. What he tells of the frat meetings makes us feel rather self satisfied about Tikvah's record, for according to Alfi, if a party is about to be arranged, it first takes about a month to find a place where to hold it, then another two or three meetings to decide where food (Kosher, he it added) can be procured cheapest, and at least one meeting for each additional item that might come up. Could that be the result of untrammelled democracy?

BERNHARD GOLDSCHMIDT'S letter was received at 11 p.m. Tuesday, November 25th, as we were on the point of leaving the school after the farewell party for Peter Liepmann, Schoofs and Buchler. It

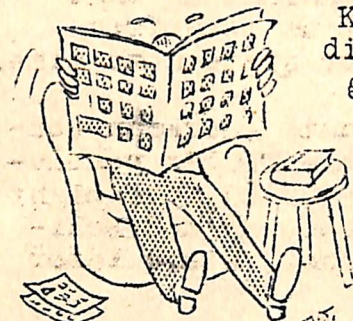


It was read out immediately to the assembled members and came as a fitting close to the evening's gathering. Bernhard writes; "I have talked quite a lot about our club and its activities, because I have found that people here believe that there is no culture in China and so forth.....I travelled a lot since I arrived here and this is only my seventh day in Philadelphia but I achieved a lot. The most important is that I won a scholarship at the "Philadelphia Conservatory of Music", one of the best schools in the country. I am very glad about that and I hope you fellows feel the same way (WE do, Bernie, we do. - Ed)

.....Coming over from the West, I spoke to Walter Saphir in Chicago while stopping there for six hours. Here in Philly I met the two Cohns. Alfred works in New York and comes over for the weekend.....Concerning the resolution passed on August 25th 1947, you will receive my full cooperation and support.

WALTER SAPHIR wrote us a long letter (To the Editors' great relief, he typed it), enthusiastically endorsing the idea of our annual convention. "It was only yesterday that I spoke to my aunt about you, and how wonderful it would be if she could lend us her house for our reunion. It is big enough, consists of three floors and has ten rooms." Walter goes on to tell about his meeting with the Cohns and Goldschmidt, who all passed through Chicago. As to his

studies, he is rather dissatisfied with the university of Chicago. They are trying, it seems, to give him a good general education, but he stubbornly refuses to swallow the medicine and next year will change over to the University of Illinois, where it will take him only one year to be admitted to medical school. Besides attending the new U Walter works in the office of an optician, where :



Kurt also learns the profession. The letter, according to his brother, is already very skillful at grinding lenses. --First sign of the impending Americanisation of a stout Shanghaider; After commenting on the reading habits of his brother and Laco, Walter goes on to say: "As to myself, I have to state truthfully that between the study of Aristotle and Washington, I do not mind at all to scan hurriedly some of the funnies, if I find time to do so and nobody sees me." On which sad note we will leave the subject of Walter's letter.

RICHARD WEISS's last letter begins with a glowing tribute to the editors and staff of the "Star" (-nothing like an occasional pat on the shoulder to lift one's spirits. -Eds.) As a matter of fact he wrote it, although he says, ten minutes after receiving our issue. Sample quotations: -"CONGRATULATIONS (his capitals).....Enjoyed every bit of it.....a splendid issue.....golden laurels to the staff and the editors.....swell..... all the articles are good and I am just jealous because I am not there to partake of the glory." Richard is working hard and even restricts his attention to that part of womanhood present on the campus. They are, he says, very smart as compared to the average, and while the boy-girl ratio there is two to one, it might be just as well one to two as far as he is concerned. WE are beginning to wonder whether those girls are really as smart as he thinks them to be. - Richard is majoring in Sociology and Psychology and will write his final thesis on - don't say you expected it - Social Psychology. In closing he says "I'm living over here for the Convention. I'm sure I'll dream of it tonight. We must make every sacrifice to achieve this annual meeting.....SEE YOU ALL."



KURT VOLFF seems to suffer of a surfeit of letter writing, and lost all his former energy. The reasons for this, however do not belong to this page but are rather a matter for the gossip column- He is still working at his old job, but is trying to get one as a pastry-cook's apprentice in San Francisco's leading hotel. He spent a day with Klotzer when the latter arrived at Frisco but did not get to see Lissner.

KLAUS LISSNER has been writing steadily to Messrs. Gumpert and Gerhard(sic) Schindler. He was very enthusiastic about Honolulu, and admired especially Waikiki Beach and the bathing beauties. However, he and Lothar were thoroughly gipped when trying to find a dance hall, as all they came upon was a sailors' waterfront dive. At San Francisco, Klaus lives at the Harold Hotel in a room with bath, telephone, and radio, and seems ra-



ther to enjoy his first contact with American living standards. He has been to the Frisco Zoo, and notes as the chief attraction a monkey, bearing a striking resemblance to our all Gerry Schindler. He intends to stay in the city for about a week and then proceed to his final destination, Seattle.

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HEINI DEUTSCH also confirms the receipt of our resolution and of the letter appointing Kurt Wolff Treasurer of Tikvah in the U.S., and has sent him already his first contribution. He has obtained a job in a metal factory & works as assistant in the metal control office. Heini writes "the work, life and everything else here is fast compared to San Francisco and the people drink, eat and even sleep fast in order to hunt after the precious dollar. I have no time to practise pingpong as I did in Shanghai but I once had a game against Gert Flatow, whom I met by chance....how is everything doing in the club? I am glad that so many of our boys are coming to the States; What a reunion it will be at our annual meeting! I've met Ingolf and Laco who were here on a brief visit three weeks ago, and I should say that I felt fine again to be together again with some of the good and true old pals of Tikvah." (Good to hear you feel that way about your old comrades. Eds)

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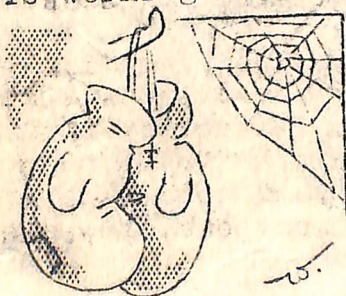


WALTER KORNHABER sent us an acknowledgment of our resolution and he says "If I would have been still in Shanghai I also would have voted for that admirable idea; the annual convention. It wouldn't do to dissolve a club like TIKVAH." Walter regrets however, that though he would like to very much he can see no way how to transmit his monthly fees to the U.S. and asks if anyone can give a suggestion how to do it. (That's the spirit we like - Eds.)

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The boxing brothers, Al and Ingolf Kohn, haven't done any boxing yet since they have been in the States, but Laco intends to go in to training as soon as he will have a little time. At present he is working overtime as a furrier, since this is the season. He's meeting quite often our Honourary Advisor Harry Herbert who has promised him to help us with the preparation of our convention. His brother Ingolf is studying at the Benjamin Franklin Evening High School, and to his great grief has been forced by circumstances to wear a tie. He is a constant correspondent with Richard Weiss, Kurt Wolff, Walter Saphir and also Henry Compart from whom we would like to hear directly, too. They all are looking forward to our reactivation.

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WALTER SAPHIR has written again, and complains about the expensive-ness of American musical entertainment. Tickets for "Tristan and Isolde" at a Chicago opera house were \$7.50 and \$10. As to the club "Tikvah" seems to be rather busy with throwing out the unwanted weaker sex. My goodness, what has happened to the fellows?"

HERE and THERE

Activities during the week from November 21st. to 28th, centered around the departure of our well-beloved club-members Peter Lie mann and Gert Schoofs. The farewell sermon at the divine service on the Friday preceding their departure was given by this writer, who, inspired by Ilie Wacs, was the first to acclaim publicly our Sergeant-at-arms as the initiator of our justly famous "Tikvah Spirit".

Our traditional farewell party for the departing members, Peter, Gert, who left on the 28th., and also this writer, who will leave on December 14, took place on Tuesday. Highlights of the gathering were Peter's "Unser Klub" stanzas as sung by our President, additional verses by Horst Schlochau, and Gert Schoofs twenty-five stanzas to the tune of "Jupheidi-Jupheidi". The latter, especially, with his very pertinent remarks on the activities of various Tikvahites, made his audinece and even his victims roar with laughter.

Eve of departure, a large percentage of Tikvah lads met for "Chinese Chow" with Peter and Gert. Afterwards, on the way to the ship, inspiration struck some of our boys on the dock at the sight of two slightly intoxicated merchant marines who were singing "O Sol e mio" at the top of their voices, accompanying themselves on Chinese fiddles. Reeling into step behind them we just walked up the ship and thus terminated another memorable Tikvah departure.

On Nov. 28, our President, Walter Eichwald, finally gave his long-awaited lecture on Richard Wagner. Basing himself mainly on Houston Stewart Chamberlain's classic biography, he gave a vivid account of the great composer's life, vivid all the more because of the picturesque and florid language employed by the lecturer.

Congrats to our Editor-in-Chief, Ilie Wacs on his appointment as Junior Counsellor in succession to another Tikvahite. From what we have seen, he is getting along swell with the kids, girls as well.

A few words about our dear "Tikvah-mother", Jenny, who in loyalty to our club is second to none. Since her first initiation to us nearly half a year ago, she has faithfully watched over our destinies, attending parties, coming to every Tikvah "boat" and taking an active interest in the personal welfare of some of our younger and relatively unfledged member. If it were possible, she certainly should be made an honorary member

And thus this short-lived column comes to a pause. Born last month to record news items that could not be fitted elsewhere, it could in time have become a vehicle of personal expression of your columnist. Fortune has willed it otherwise, and at the writing of it is, less than two weeks of Shanghai life is before him. A farewell article will appear in the next issue but hopes are that a monthly will succeed and thus enable me to continue contributions from abroad.

HEGEL- continued

historical and sociological theories are Hegelian, too, the communist state being the antithetical outcome of capitalism.

We have mentioned above the Hegelian concept of the State. Considering it as the "self-conscious moral matter, the reasonable divine Will that has organised itself", the final expression of the "Zeitgeist", the spirit of the times, he placed obedience to the state above all other considerations. If we recall that one of his fundamental thesis in metaphysics affirms the justice and the reasonableness of all that exists, making him state that "the constitution of the state is the existing form of justice", it becomes obvious why his philosophy is at the base of all totalitarian systems, and anathema to all true democrats.

Undoubtedly, Hegel was a great man. But he also was the first exponent of a trend in German philosophy and statecraft that was to bear a strange and terrible fruit a century later, blossoming out blooms as Alfred Rosenberg's Mythos of the 20th century. In the words of the Bible the tree shall be know by its fruit, and the final results of Hegel's work bear in themselves the condemnation of the man.

A. Buechler.

SPORTS - continued

things that were responsible for the success that Tikvah gained in whatsoever it took up. Let us hope that all of Tikvah's members will continue to live in this spirit of comradeship & sportsmanship in whatever country they may come to.

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| 6. Short prayer | 12. Negative (Fr.) |
| 10. Child's plaything | 13. Alliance |
| 11. Poker stake | 15. High Voice |
| 13. Bachelor of Arts (abbr.) | 16. Pronoun |
| 14. Act | 18. French article |
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Henry Sattler